(b) Does not arise.

(c) The dinner party was booked by Shri Narinder Aggarwal. No concession was granted to the party and the regular rate wag charged.

Bas serving of Hguor on lights

359.SHRI KRISHAN LAL, SHARMA: Will the Minuter *at* CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Oowecn.-ment have banned serving *at tinwtr* by the private air taxi operators *at* the country :

(b) whether it it also a fact (hat despite the fact that serviag of liqoor in flights wag considered vioiation of the established practices so far observed id the country, the perraisaion was given *to* the air taxis;

(c) number of cases *at* misbehaviour by the passengers on board after serving reported to Government together with the details; and

(d) what stepg Government have taken or propose to take to ensure that the ban on serving liquor on flights is observed?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. Under the existing Aircraft Rules .serving of liquor on board i the flight is not prohibited,

(c) Information is being collected.

(d) Implementation of the order is being monitored.

Ban on transfer of officials Is PSUs

360. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state

(a) whether one-year ban has been imposed by the Ministry on the transfer of officials in its public sector undertakings like T.A., TAAT etc.; and

r*(b)* if so, whan the ban is empectett o take effect from?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD); (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Absorption of Vaywdoot Staff

361. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN': Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Airlines is absorbing the Vayudoot staff within and outside the company; and

(b) if *so,* the names of the staff alongwith their qualifications taken ewer by Indian Airlines alongwith the absorption in other undertakings/companies?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Indian Airlines is absorbing Vayudoot staff in the newly creatce Short Haul Operations Department in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Government.

(b) So far appointment letters have been issued to two handicapped (blind) employees namely Mr. Mangal Sen and Mr. Mukta Prasad.

Moderabstion and upgradation of airports

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will THE Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the progress of modernisation and upgradation of each one of the 130 airports in the country;

(b) the project cost and the amount incurred at each of the airports with detailed equipment; and

(c) the time frame for the completioal of the job alongwith the financial outlay?